grammes comes to the notice of this Ministry, the State Government is directed to take remedial action.

(b) Government has no information about any instance of misappropriation of funds in Orissa under the ICDS Programme. The State Government has also not brought any such instance to the notice of this Ministry, so far.

(c) and (d). In view of above the question does not arise.

Import of machinery under false declaration

281. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Unikool Bottlers Ltd. have imported two machines on false declaration for their plant at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to set up Gold Bank

282 SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a gold bank;

(b) if so, the main objectives thereof;

(c) whether the Reserve Bank of India has been given necessary instructions in the matter; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Reserve Bank of India in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The Reserve Bank of India, in February 1991, communicated to the Government of India through a letter an idea for setting up of a Gold Bank with the objective of acquiring foreign exchange. The issue of setting up of a Gold Bank will arise only after the ideas are examined, proposal is developed and considered by the Government.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Massive flight of capital from India to South Asian countries

283. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a massive flight of capital from India to South Asian capitals during the last two months;

(b) whether Government have enquired into the reasons of this flight of capital and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps being taken or already taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). There was some evidence that in the last few months capital was flowing out of India. In particular, there was an act outflow on account of non-resident external accounts. However, the direction of these outflow is very difficult to establish.

(c) Government have taken a number of measures to enhance confidence in the Indian rupee and to halt capital outflow. These, include adjustment in the exchange rate of the rupee as well as the fiscal strategy outlined in the Union budget for 1991-92.

Environmental clearance for electric line between Cuddapah and Rajampet in Andhra Pradesh

284. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether environmental clearance has been given for the erection of the 220 KV

electric line between Cuddapah and Rajampet in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Cases regarding erection of transmission and electric lines are not referred to the Ministry for environmental clearance. No such proposal has been received for clearanceu nder the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 also from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

Closed Textile mills in Andhra Pradesh

285. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of textile mills in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the names of closed mills in that State; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to reopen these mills ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) 68

(b) A Statement is attached.

(c) Government has been set up a Nodal Agency to evolve and implement packages for the revival of closed/sick textile mills found to be viable. Government has also set-up a Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) to determine and enforce the preventive ameliorative and remedial measures for the revival of sick mills.

Statement

S. No. Name of the Mill and Address

1. Shree Ramchandra Spg. Mills Pandalpaka, East Godavari Pandalpaka, East Godavari, Pin 5333445.
2. Andhra Cotton Mills Ltd., Srinivasanagar Proddatur PO Cuddapah Pin 516360
3. Srinivasa Spg. Mills Pvt. Ltd. Peddar. Pin : 534102.
4. Sree Srinivasa Spg. Mills Pvt. Ltd. Kuzabalkato Rly. Stn. Road, Srinivasanagar Madanpale, Taluka Chittoor.
5. Shree Kalyana Srinivasa Textile Ltd., Mamandura Aithepalli PO, Pin : 517109.
6. Sree Saraswati Mills Ltd. B Unit, Nindra Nindramandalam Chittoor, Pin 517591.

286. [*Transferred to the 6th September*, 1991].

Concessions given to PSF and PFY yarn in the Budget

287. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL :

DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "PSY, PFY units Pocket Budget Concessions" published in Times of India dated the 30th July, 1991.

(b) whether concessions granted in the budget to PSF and PFY yarn will be transferred to small scale powerloom weavers who use the material;

(c) what is the value of concessions per kg. of PSF and PFY yara of standard varieties accruing to manufacturers inclusive of MODVAT concessions; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that prices remain steady and at the level desired by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As there is no price control on PSF and PFY and since excise duty is only one of the factors determining the price of an item, it is not possible to indicate whether the concessions have been transferred to the powerloom weavers.